Employment programmes in Tenth Plan

2320. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the action proposed to be taken to focus on employment programmes while finalising the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the annual growth rate targeted during the plan; and

(c) what are the other details of Tenth Plan development strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Tenth Five Year Plan is scheduled to be placed for approval by National Development Council on 21st December 2002.

Solution of unemployment problem

2321. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an employment mission involving both the corporate and non-corporate sector to find a solution to the unemployment problem of the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether any fresh steps have been taken by Government to create gainful and growth oriented employment opportunities during the Tenth Plan period keeping in view large scale unemployment all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Planning Commission constituted a Special Group on targeting ten million employment opportunities per year over the Tenth Plan Period to suggest strategies and programmes in the Tenth Plan for creating employment opportunities for 10 million people a year. The Special Group has identified the labour intensive sectors, which should be developed to create 10 million employment opportunities per year in the Tenth Plan. These sectors include agriculture, watershed